



Placement Position at GE Oil & Gas

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Degree Course: Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Who did you do your placement with? GE Oil & Gas (Vecto Gray)

How did you get the placement position? Went to an engineering job fair at UWE and met the Vetco Gray team, I put my name down as interested in doing a placement year and they emailed me an application form. Applying was very easy and with help from the careers service writing a CV was relatively easy as well. They also helped when it came to interview technique.

What do you see as the benefits of your year out on placement? Learning about the engineering work environment and having an edge over other students when job hunting after university has finished. Possible job offer from Placement Company also.

What work did you have you do? **The work involved was on the company's latest product,** I was involved in the testing and development of the hardware used to test this product.

How did the work vary over your placement? Over the year I worked on one main project, the work I did for this project varied. I carried out practical work, paper based work, design work, problem solving. Throughout the year I feel I covered many aspects of work involved the product development cycle.

What was the most important thing you learned from your placement?

I learnt a few important things in my time on placement:

- Time management – This is very important as you will be working on multiple pieces of work.
 - Communication – Lots of people work on a project all doing various parts of the work so **when the work your doing overlaps with someone else's or you need information on another** part of the project you have to ask them for their assistance.
- Logbook – I have found that my logbook is very important for keeping record of what I have done and helps when asked about something you worked on several months ago.

Would you recommend doing a placement to other students? Yes definitely! Doing a placement year helps you develop the practical skills of your course and allows you to use your knowledge from the first 2 years of university. It also gives you an insight as to what the work environment will be like when you have left university.